

#### Evergreen News

**April** 

2013

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#### Garden Club News

Greetings from the Garden Club to everyone in the community. March buried us in snow and spring still seems a long way off. It's a stretch, but the silver lining is that all this snow can benefit your house plants! Put a big tub outside and shovel in the snow. Bring the tub in and spoil your plants rotten with a special drink when the snow melts.

So why is snow water (or rain water) better than tap water? Well, tap water contains unnatural dissolved minerals and very few nitrates, the form of nitrogen that plants absorb easily. Snow water has less minerals, more nitrates, and it's free.

Our guest speaker for March was Bill Drake from Golden Greenhouses (in Devon, just across Highway 60 from the Devonian Gardens). Bill's presentation was peppered with interesting facts and took members through many excellent annual performers. He went into great detail describing where petunias have gone in the last few years and we all left knowing a lot more about the dif-

ference between a wave petunia, a supertunia and a potunia. Many species were introduced and evaluated in his colourful slide presentation. The Garden Club would like to thank him again for a marvelous evening and the "Mexican Hat" parting gifts.

The Evergreen Garden Club is a vibrant group of people of all ages who share a love of growing things. Some members have perennial paradises that require full-time attention, and others have one container on the deck that they treasure. There's always room for you! Please call Mary at 780-406-5710 to get your \$10 annual membership today!

Our next meeting will be April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Community Hall. Our topic will be *Birds in Evergreen* and our speaker will tell us how to spot different varieties and what plants we can put in our gardens to attract our favorites.

Please join us for our Annual Open House at the Community Hall on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am-3pm.



Meet Garden Club members, see what the club is about, and enjoy free coffee, tea and donuts in a spring atmosphere. Don't forget to enter to win the door prize!

Join the club, meet new friends, share a few laughs, and go home feeling good.

#### FREE FAMILY LAW / Information Sessions

Hosted by Edmonton Community Legal Centre Free presentations by Family Law Lawyers Thursday evenings.

. Child Custody and Access

Apr 18, May 16, Jun 20.

. Child & Spousal Support Apr 25, May 23, Jun 27.

. Property Issues

Apr 4, May 2, Jun 6.

. Court Procedure and Evidence

Apr 11\*, May 9, Jun 13.

No registration necessary! Time: 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. @ Centennial Room, Basement, Stanley Milner Library 7 Churchill SQ. / Room 27 on the 6th Floor.

Information: <a href="mailto:CEwasiuk@eclc.ca">CEwasiuk@eclc.ca</a> / <a href="mailto:www.eclc.ca">www.eclc.ca</a>



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#### Some Benefits of Membership: all at EECA Hall



#### Evergreen Adult Dart League

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Regular Play: Thursdays @

7 pm



#### **Evergreen TOTS**

Wednesdays @ 10 am



Every 3rd Monday @ 6:30 pm





#### **Evergreen TOPS**

Every Sunday night @ 6:45 pm



Remember: Your EECA membership allows you to attend the free community league swim Saturdays 2—4 at Londonderry Pool and Sundays 2-4 at ACT. *Show your card!* 

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Spring at last! But we all know that living in

Alberta we are not finished with the snow yet.

Evergreen Seniors

I've been told that in some places in BC tulips and daffodils are poking their heads up already. I don't know about you, but with all the snow I have on top of my daffodils, I'll be lucky if I see them in June!

Pictured to the right are some of our members playing bingo, and below, some of our male members playing pool on our new table. They play every morning from 10 a.m. to noon.

This month we are having Denis' favourite, an omelette breakfast. Senior members we urge you to come. Let us know If you are coming by calling Agnes at (780)473-7226. You don't want to miss this!





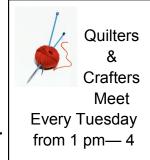
Bingo Anyone?

\*Seniors Group memberships are due April 1st

#### Calendar:

Group News

- April 3rd Meeting at 7 p.m. with Bingo to follow
- April 10th Bingo 7 p.m.
- April 13th—Omelette Breakfast 10 a.m.
- April 17th—Bingo 7 p.m.
- April 24th—Crib 7 p.m.





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#### Edmonton Evergreen Community Association is successful in obtaining a grant for upgrades to our facilities



Al Innes, Treasurer of the EECA and instrumental in the successful bid for matching government funds to ensure the success of our proposed upgrades to our facilities, accepted a cheque from the Honourable Tim Uppal on behalf of the Federal Government on Friday, March 15th. Al said "Honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen: On behalf of the Board of Directors and the members of Edmonton Evergreen Community Association, I would like to thank the Honourable Tim Uppal, Minister of State for Democratic Reform. and the Federal Government for this amazing news.

We can now move forward with upgrades and renovations that we've had to put off until funding could be realized. At last year's Annual General Meeting, we advised you that we had earmarked \$45,000 for the installation of air conditioning in the hall during the coming year and to complete some minor renovations with the remaining dollars. Now, thanks to the infusion of a matching \$45,000 from the Community Infrastructure Investment Fund, we can complete upgrades to our hall, Seniors' Centre and major renovations to our Skating facilities to ensure it is useful year round. We are honoured to have this commitment from our federal government to ensure you have

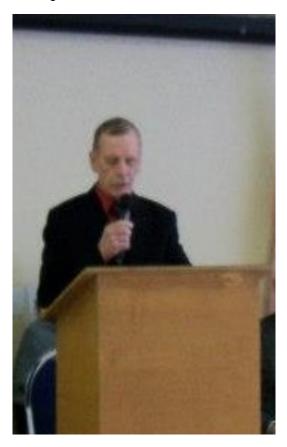
facilities that are available to all residents and will provide them with an enjoyable experience. Evergreen is unique in that it is the only private property Community hall in the city. Although we do receive support from the city in provision of an operating grant and various city resources such as community services, because of our uniqueness we do not qualify for the Community Infrastructure Grant. With the outstanding support of our City Councillor, Ed Gibbons, and our Community Recreation Coordinator, Norma Lornicz, we have continued to meet community needs and provide, to the best of our ability, programs that keep pace with the ever changing demographic and dynamic needs of our community residents. However, time is catching up on our facilities and the bandaid solutions we have been providing over the years are no longer sufficient to provide you with safe and comfortable facilities. Together with the monies we had targeted and the federal infusion we can now work towards providing quality facilities for utilization year round and for years to

As everyone is well aware, a new area structure plan has been approved for the northeast and will impact greatly on Evergreen and Horse Hill. Thanks to

this funding infusion we will be ready for this growth. We are extremely proud of the continued great history of this Community League and its constant striving to provide quality programs and events to ensure a high quality of life and sense of ownership for all residents. Evergreen can be proud that it is one of the best communities and Community Leagues in the City.

Again, our sincere thanks to the Honourable Minister for this astounding announcement and we look forward to your attendance at some of our upcoming functions. I would also like to thank Ed Gibbons and you ladies and gentlemen for attending this auspicious occasion. I would like to call upon the Minister and Ed to unveil the sign that will be placed in a suitable location to honour the partnership between our community league, our Member of Parliament and the federal government."

Some of the planned improvements include upgrading electrical to install more outlets and new lights; installing air conditioning and improvements to the stage area.





# Evergreen Youth Express



Emergency Medical Services

#### Bicycle Helmet Safety



Bicycle crashes are the leading cause of brain injury in school-aged children. Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist or pedestrian. Remember – it is the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and highly recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, or cycling.

#### Getting informed

- Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury or save a life.
- Brain injuries can cause
- permanent disability or death.
   Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet.
- Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged.

#### Getting started

- Allow children to assist when buying their helmet. Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them.
- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets.
- Parents must lead by example: always wear your own helmet when cycling.

#### Getting the right fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash.
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up or down over the forehead.
- Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your head from side to side while the straps are unfastened.
- Adjust the chin straps to form a "Y" below and slightly forward from the ears.
- Only one finger should be able to fit under the chin strap when it is fastened.
- Do not forget to use the sizing pads included with the helmet. They will help improve the overall fit and comfort.

www.albertahealthservices.ca

The Association for Evergreen Youth

#### Parents Please

Note:

#### **April 2013**

It was recently brought to our attention by a number of children who showed up at the Youth Centre for the free swim that the concept may have been misconstrued. Through EFCL (Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues) Londonderry pool provides free access to community league members on Saturdays from 2 - 4 p.m. This is NOT an Evergreen program nor an Evergreen Youth Centre program. This is an opportunity for families who are community league (in our case EECA) members to enjoy a swim at no cost by showing their membership card at the facility. Sorry for the confusion.

#### EVERGREEN YOUTH CENTRE PROGRAMS FOR APRIL 2013 (depending on staff availability)

- 1. After School Inc (Mon/Wed/Fri 3:30—6 p.m. excluding Easter Monday)
- 2. Boy Zone (Thurs 5—7 p.m.)
- 3. Girl Zone (Wed 6—8 p.m.)
- 4. Karate (Sunday 3 p.m. Tues 6:30 p.m. at the EECA Hall)
- 5. Kid Zone (Thurs 2:30—5 p.m.)
- 6. On the Right Track (Tues 3:30—5:30 p.m.)
- 7. Gentlemen of Evergreen (Sat 3—10 p.m.)

Make sure your membership is up to date and that your child/youth is registered in the program(s) he/she is interested in participating in. We need your help to increase the numbers of participants in all of these programs in order to continue to secure funding to operate the Youth Centre and in order to continue to offer these programs to the children and youth of Evergreen and the surrounding area.

# April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	EASTER Monday No Program	On the Right Track 3:30— 5:30 pm Karate 6:30 pm	After School Inc 3:30—6 pm Girl Zone 6-8 pm	Kid Zone 3:30- 5 pm Boy Zone 5—7 pm	After School Inc 3:30—6 pm	Gentlemen of Evergreen 3— 10 pm
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#### Hello hello,



I hope everyone has been keeping well despite the big drop of snow we received in the middle of March. Once again, my name is Isaac Tyler, I am one of the leaders at the Saturday Youth program for teen boys aged 12-17, I work with my good friend Adam Ward. The purpose for these articles is to keep you (the community) informed as to what we do at the Youth Centre and why it is so important for these youth that are really growing into great young men. So, why not hear from the youth themselves? Below is an interview with two of the Gentlemen of Evergreen, enjoy!

I've made a lot of friends here. It's nice to see them every

What is your current Nerf Ranking? (For those of you who do not know, we do indeed keep track of our stats. For example, shooting an opposing player counts as one point) #1



**State your name.** Tyrus. **Age?** 15. **What school do you attend?** Vimy Ridge Academy

How long have you been attending Saturday program? Since I was in Grade 8 (3 years)
What is your favourite activity that we do? Nerf.
Can you think of the best Saturday we've had? The day we went go-karting at Whitemud Amusement park.
What is your favourite thing that we have cooked so far? A tie between homemade pizzas and Asian Theme

What makes you keep coming back? I'm really interested in youth leadership and I'm learning a lot from this program.

Current Nerf Ranking? #5
CURRENT TOP 5 NERF RANKINGS:

Tyler A 163

cooking day.

 Ryan P
 149

 Adam W
 144

 James B
 116

 Tyrus B
 101



**State your name.** Tyler Atkinson. **Age?** 17.

What school do you attend? M.E. Lazerte

How long have you been attending Saturday program?

Since inception (3 years)

What is your favourite activity that we do? Frizz. Can you think of the best Saturday we've had? The first time we did Nerf in teams, outside.

What is your favourite thing that we have cooked so far? Hamburgers from scratch.

What makes you keep coming back every Saturday?

Thanks for reading and enjoy your April! If you need more information on our group please feel to visit our website at <a href="www.facebook.com/gentlemenofevergreen">www.facebook.com/gentlemenofevergreen</a> or email us <a href="gentlemenofeg@yahoo.ca">gentlemenofeg@yahoo.ca</a>. If you are interested in supporting our group, we always take bottle donations at the youth centre (thanks to everyone who has donated). Also, if you or someone you know has a cool talent (woodworking, cooking, music) that you might like to share with the group one Saturday, please let us know!

Isaac

#### Gentlemen of Evergreen April Program Plan: All boys aged 12 to 17 years are invited to join Adam and Isaac at the Youth Centre every Saturday for a long day of FUN!

Time	Week 1	Week 2 Week 3		Week 4	
Date:	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27	
3:00	Greet & Weekly Share	Greet & Weekly Share	Greet & Weekly Share	Greet & Weekly Share	
3:30	Bottle Drive	Bottle Drive	Bottle Drive	Bottle Drive	
4:30	Lounge time/Warm up	Lounge time/Warm up	Lounge time/Warm up	Lounge time/Warm up	
5:00	Video Game Day	Young Chefs (homemade chili/ sloppy joes)	Bowling	Nerf—one in the chamber	
7:30	Kids Supper Break/Free Time	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Kids Supper Break/Free Time	
8:15	Squad nerf battles (3v3)	d nerf battles (3v3) Floor pong		Ice Soccer & Recon	
9:30	Mexican Volleyball & Clean Up	Mexican Volleyball & Clean Up	Mexican Volleyball & Clean Up	Mexican Volleyball & Clean Up	



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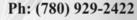
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Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>:
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- 1/2 stick of butter
- 2 cups Bisquick
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 3 teaspoons of chicken granules
- 1/2 teaspoon dried sage
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon of salt or more to taste

#### Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

- Layer 1 In 9 x 13 casserole dish, melt 1/2 stick of butter. Spread shredded chicken over butter. Sprinkle black pepper and dried sage over this layer. Do not stir.
- Layer 2 In small bowl, mix milk and Bisquick. Slowly pour all over chicken. Do not stir.
- Layer 3 In medium bowl, whisk together 2 cups of chicken broth, chicken granules and soup. Once blended, slowly pour over the Bisquick layer. Do not Stir.
- Bake casserole for 30-40 minutes, or until the top is golden brown

Did you know that the BBQs held at virtually every community event in Evergreen are fundraising events for our Youth Centre? Do you know how fortunate our community is to have such a facility?

#### Evergreen TOTS

Evergreen's T.O.T.S. (Time Out To Socialize) program is a FREE\* drop-in "playdate" for kids 0-5 and their moms, dads, grand-parents, or quardians. Even dayhomes are welcome!



Where? At the Evergreen Community Hall in the strip mall

When? Every Wednesday, 10am-noon

What? Coffee for the parents, snacks for the kids, and an entire hall full of toys.

Why? Give parents a break, and give kids a chance to burn off some steam!

Who? Approximately 8-10 parents and 15-20 children currently attend.

This month we are having a special Easter Party on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. No registration necessary.

For information on the party or other TOTS information, "like" our facebook page:

"Edmonton Evergreen Community Assoc TOTS"

\*TOTS asks that you purchase a \$20 annual Evergreen Community Association membership to thank them for donating their space and their money to our program. Exceptions can be made for those in financial difficulty. Please do not stay away from this great program because you can't afford the \$20.

**New this year:** Since so many of our kids walk to TOTS, we will NOT be having the program on any days where the temperature, including wind chill, is -25'C or below. For example, if it is -19'C, but -25'C with the wind chill, the program will not be available that morning.

Please call our Community Association office at 780-473-6962 if you have any questions about this program.



EVENING Groups



#### FREE Financial Literacy Program

January 2013-April 2013

YOUTH ONLY Group	*Held at Youth Attendance Centre	
Tuesday after school:	ongoing intake	4:00pm-7:00pm
WOMEN ONLY Group	**Held at Edmonton John Howard Society, 101, 10010	) - 105 Street
Monday evenings:	January 28, 2013 - April 15, 2013	6:00pm-9:00pm
	*ongoing intake	
MEN ONLY Group	**Held at Edmonton John Howard Society, 101, 10010	) - 105 Street
Thursday evenings:	January 17, 2013 - March 21, 2013	6:00pm-9:00pm
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Day 1: Budgeting & Wise Spending	Jan. 21, Feb. 11 or 25, Mar. 11 or 25, Apr. 8 or 22	8:30am-3:30pm			
Day 2: Banking, Saving & Investing	Jan. 22, Feb. 12 or 26, Mar. 12 or 26, Apr. 8 or 23	8:30am-3:30pm			
Day 3: Credit & Debt Management	Jan. 8, Feb. 19, Mar. 4 or 18, Apr. 2, 15 or 29	8:30am-3:30pm			
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- 5. Support from others at weekly chapter meet-

#### ings

Weekly meetings provide a supportive, educational environment where people are encouraged and not judged. If face-to-face meetings aren't your style or if you can't find a meeting that fits your schedule, you can be an online member and still take advantage of our experts'

Our meetings start with a weigh in at 6:45 every Sunday at the EECA Hall (except for the 1st Sunday of the month when we meet next door at the Senior Centre.)

March 31st **MEETING CANCELLED** 

April 7th Weigh in only

Zumba (wear comfortable clothes) April 14th

April 21st Program

April 28th Bingo/Fruit Basket



#### Errant 911 calls continue to clog up emergency lines

Police Service is launching the 2nd phase

of a year-long campaign, asking the public to "make the right call."

Approximately 60% of all calls to 911 that are not emergencies continue to flood and hold up 911 operators.

"This continues to be a concern for the EPS, because someone with a real emergency is made to wait for help," says Insp. Blair Edl who is in charge of the Police Dispatch and 911 Section. "After we launched the 1st phase of our campaign in Nov, we saw a slight decrease in the number of errant calls to 911 for about 2 weeks. In Dec, the calls went up again, and that same trend is continuing again this year."

In 2012, a total of 379,917 calls came into 911, and a staggering 244,929 were not emergencies; that's more than 64 %!

In Jan, 28,186 calls were made to 911, and 17,628 (62%) were not emergencies. Between Feb. 1 and Feb. 20 of this year, 18,290 calls were answered by 911 operators and 11,524 (63%) were nonemergencies.

The majority of these calls come from citizens who don't know the difference between an emergency and a non-emergency, and pocket campaign posters and ads in LRT dials; most of the calls are made from mobile phones. Other errant 911 calls include accidental calls from unregistered phones usually given to children as toys, prank

The Edmonton calls, and users trying to call long distance, or phone numbers that require the caller to first dial the number 9.

> To make it easier for citizens to figure out when to call 911 and when to call the non-emergency line (780-423-4567 or #377 from a mobile phone), the EPS is mailing out a brochure this week to each home and business in Edmonton.

"It's a simple and easy to read brochure that tells you when you should use 911 and when you should use the non-emergency line. We hope Edmontonians will hang the brochure up on their fridge, or keep it close by their phones, or even maybe put it in their vehicle so they always have it on hand when on the go," says Kim Pudde, EPS 911 Supervisor.

The brochure also tells residents what they should do if they accidentally call or "pocket dial" 911.

"The most important thing to remember is, please don't hang up. You won't get in trouble. Just stay on the line and let the operator know that you don't need help," says Pudde. "If you hang up, the police may need to respond to your call, which could take time and resources away from someone with a real emergency."

Edmonton residents will also see stations, on LRTs and on buses over the next few weeks.

"We are asking all residents of Edmonton to know the difference

between an emergency and a non -emergency, and when it's appropriate to call 911. By making the right call, you may literally be helping save a life," says Pudde.

#### **WHEN TO CALL 911**

- Life threatening situations (including medical and fire)
- Crimes in progress
- Don't wait. Call immediately

#### WHEN TO CALL #377 (from a mobile phone only) OR 780-423-4567

- You see suspicious persons or activity
- Your vehicle was broken into, or property vandalized
- A non-violent crime was committed
- You were in a collision, but aren't injured, and your vehicle isn't driveable

#### **DIALED 911 ACCIDENTALLY?** DON'T HANG UP!

- Stay on
- know that you don't need assistance

For more information visit www.edmontonpolice.ca/377







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City of Edmonton

Office of Traffic Safety, Community Traffic Safety Award

The City of Edmonton has created the Community Traffic Safety Award to recognize community members who have contributed to traffic safety initiatives in

their community, through their community league or as part of a larger city traffic safety initiative. The Traffic Safety Award is specifically tailored to recognize Edmontonians who have demonstrated personal commitment to trying to improve traffic safety in the City of Edmonton. In general, those recognized for the award have an accumulated history of involvement and shown leadership in traffic safety.

<u>History:</u> The City of Edmonton hosts an annual International Urban Traffic Safety Conference, generally held in late April or early May. In 2012, The City of Edmonton Office of Traffic Safety instituted the Community Traffic Safety Award for recognizing community members who have had or were contributing to the improvement of traffic safety. The two initial recipients were presented their awards as part of a City Council Protocol item prior to the Traffic Safety Conference. Designed as an annual award, nominations are presently open for any community member(s) who meet the following criteria:

- A demonstrated personal commitment to traffic safety
- In a non-paid or volunteer capacity
- Accumulated history of involvement in traffic safety (minimum 3 years)
- Support traffic safety initiatives to improve community quality of life

Nominations: Nomination of potential recipients can be made via email to the Executive Director of the City of Edmonton, Office of Traffic Safety, Gerry Shimko at <a href="mailto:Gerry.Shimko@edmonton.ca">Gerry.Shimko@edmonton.ca</a> by March 31, 2013. The nomination should include the name of the nominee, contact information, and a descriptive narrative outlining how the nominee(s) meet the above noted criteria. Nominees will be reviewed by a committee chaired by the Executive Director of the City of Edmonton Office of Traffic Safety. Award winners will be notified prior to the International Traffic Safety Conference. The decision of the review committee is final.





#### 30 REASONS TO WALK!

1 - Helps prevent heart disease 2 - Reduces the risk of some types of cancer

3 - Helps prevent osteoporosis 4 - Lowers blood pressure

5 - Helps maintain healthy cholesterol

6 - Reduces the risk of pre & type 2 diabetes

7 - Reduces the risk of heart attacks 8 - Reduces the risk of stroke

10 - Burns calories 9 - Boosts bone density

11 - Makes us feel happier and more relaxed 12 - Helps us sleep better

13 - Introduces us to others 14 - Is an ideal form of transportation

15 - Is a great way to get to know your community and explore new ones

16 - Puts us in touch with the natural world 17 - Is good for the environment

19 - Improves our posture

18 - Reduces vehicle congestion

20 - Nordic walking engages 90% of the muscles in the body

21 - Walking can save us time: no more traffic jams or hunting for parking

22 - Saves us money (no gas to buy, parking tickets to pay, etc.)

23 - Helps us feel less anxious 24 - Gives us more energy

25 - Improves mental health

26 - Requires nothing but shoes (and even those aren't essential!)

27 - It's FREE!

28 - It's FUN!

29 - It can be done almost anywhere (including in the water) 30 - It brings us closer to those we enjoy it with.

www.participACTION.com

#### Upcoming Opportunities for YOU to Help!

Call 780-473-6962 to see what bingo events EECA has this month and to see how you can help.

TAFEY Call 780-413-8248 if you can help with Centre BBQ fundraiser at either bingo or the casino, or make sure you play on those days. Proceeds help support the extensive children's programming we enjoy in our community.

Want to help plan and implement our Spring Fling event May 25th? Have ideas for activities? Have a couple of hours to help it run smoothly? Call the EECA office at 780-473-6962

To help with the Youth Spring Fling, call 780-413-8248



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#### Catholic Charities Catholic Social Services Parenting in 2 Cultures

When: 6 Tuesday evenings, 6:00pm - 9pm

April 9, 16, 23, 30 May 7, 14, 2013

Where: Catholic Social Services, Immigration and Settlement Service

Central Office, 10709 – 105 Street, Room 106

Childminding provided, as well as small refreshments

The expectation is that participants will participate in all 6 sessions and will then receive a certificate.

The Parenting in 2 Cultures program will provide an opportunity for immigrant/ refugee parents to:

- Investigate how to parent effectively in the Canadian context while drawing strength from your own ethnic identity.
- Find ways to build relationships with your children, that are trusting and supportive.
- Discover opportunities to effectively communicate in our families and communities.
- Take the time to think about parenting and discuss the choices we have, when it comes to our children and parenting.
- Explore parenting strategies and problem solving from each other.
- Learn about Positive Discipline and find ways to apply it in your specific family environment.
- Increase awareness on the issue of family violence
- Strengthen support networks by connecting with other parents

Husbands, wives, grandparents everybody is welcome!

For further information and/or to obtain a registration form, please contact:

Isolde Schmid at: 780-424-3545, ext. 2775 (direct line: 780-391-3267)

isolde.schmid@catholicsocialservices.ab.ca

Please complete a registration form and email or fax it to Isolde Schmid

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# Presents: 1st Annual Spring Fling Doggie Fashion Show Saturday, May 25th, 2013 At the EECA Hall Prizes Awarded

Drop your entry off to the EECA Hall, the Youth Centre or It's a Dog's Life Grooming Salon by April 20th

#### Some categories will be:

- Cutest
- Funniest
- Best matched owner and dog

PRE-Registration by April 20th, Fee: \$2 EECA Members/\$5 nonmembers

Please register me and my dog for the EECA Spring Fling Doggie Fashion Show.
Your name:
Dog's Name:
Address:
Phone:
Breed:
Membership Number:
Small Breed Large Breed

#### Plants can be toxic to dogs...

View a more complete list at <a href="http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/poison-control/plants/">http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/poison-control/plants/</a>

Spring is coming, and with spring comes beautiful gardens. Here are a few plants that are toxic for dogs that you may have in and around your home:

These time-bombs range from being only mildly toxic (e.g., causing vomiting) to being responsible for more serious canine health problems. If you wish to err on the safe side, thoroughly research any vegetation, berries, etc. to which your canine friend has access.

This list of plants toxic to dogs is not intended to be complete.

#### **Toxic Vines**

- English lvy
- Morning Glory
- Wisteria Vines
- Clematis Vines
- American Bittersweet

#### Perennial Flowers

- Foxglove
- Mums
- Lenten Rose
- Toxic Shrubs

#### Shrubs

- Rose of Sharon
- Yew
- Holly
- Mountain Laurel
- Hydrangea Shrubs
- Burning Bush
- Azaleas and Rhododendrons
  - Boxwood Shrubs
- Yellow Bird of Paradise (Caesalpinia gilliesii)
- Privet Bushes

#### Trees

- Apple
- Washington hawthorn

#### Bulbs

- daffodils. Hanging Plants
- lantana

#### Foliage

- Castor Beans
- Elephant Ears
- Hosta
- Aloe Vera

#### Weeds

- Yellow Dock
- Bittersweet Nightshade

If you know you have plants poisonous to dogs growing in your yard, it's a good idea to keep your dog from accessing them, perhaps via some type of fence. But seedlings (especially of weeds) can sprout up very quickly, so also be sure to monitor the grounds within the fencing, to ensure that it remains free of toxic intruders





# Vergreen April 2013

... Around Evergreen

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